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University on the Gridiron. Captain Corbett Views Record. Gives Encouragement for the Blue and Orange in 1907.

As a beginning to this article on football as has been and is hoped will be played by the University of Florida—a brief resume of our different games played might be somewhat interesting.

With less than a weeks practice we defeated a picked team of Gainesville, quite a bit heavier, but this slight advantage was affected by night practice and one or two men who did not know anything of the game. Only once or possibly twice did they make first down, while we never failed to make the necessary 10 yards. At no time was our goal threatened. In a bad fumble however, one of their men succeeded in picking up the ball and with an absolutely clear field before him, ran for a touchdown. Several of the green men on the F. team did some very consistent playing. Forsyth, Hancock and Corbett make touchdowns for F.

On the 20th of October Mercer met and defeated us in Macon. The only part of the game was characterized by the excellent work of the whole F. team, the ends breaking through and getting delayed passes and take kicks before even a start was made by the Mercer backs. F. was not held for down more than twice in this half but some bad fumbles gave Mercer the ball. Mercer failed to make her distance a number of times having as much as 35 yards to gain once. With the ball on their three yard line and making 4 and 5 yards at a clip, a fumble with an change and Black man on top of it and we lost our chance to score. The second half was our undoing. The unknown and much talked about forward pass and short kicks soon had the F. team badly muddled. A kick near the goal line, and a fumble by our safety man, gave them their first touchdown. An unconscious player, and a driving interference, a missed tackle by the safety man and another score was piled up against us. As a whole, the F. team showed thorough knowledge of football, and played a better game than their worthy opponents. Too much credit cannot be given the back whose cool and steady nerve made Mercers kicks and passes work so well. And one more comment. Never again shall the coach of an opposing team act as Referee.

Only six days later, and we met and decisively defeated Rollins in Gainesville. Line the score, 6-0, does not appear so bad, but we deserved a larger score if running a team all over the field counts for anything, and now was our time for revenge. With Corbett doing the passing and Shands doing most of the receiving, the forward pass worked like a charm. And the short kick also figured largely as a ground gainer.

In the first half the F. team played football for all it was worth yet they did not score. The second half was entered into with a determination to do or die, "and we did." Rollins was carried off her feet. The F. backs were working like clock work, the line holding every time. Something had to happen. A whispered consultation, a quick pass, a most magnificent interference, a bit of clever dodging, and Corbett had scored from the 30 yard line. Shands kicked a difficult goal, Rollins made a brace after this but it came too late, and we had beat Rollins. The joy of the undergraduates was unbounded.

Next came Riverside to Gainesville and was likewise defeated. This time the score stood 19-0. The F. team played as well in this game, as at any time during the season. The line was almost impregnable, the ends did not allow themselves to be boxed a single time and the backs worked like a machine, and worked so well that not once were we held for downs. Riverside had an excellent team and played hard, but lack of team work and men not in the best of condition greatly handicapped them. Shands, Corbett and Hancock made touchdowns for F. Again the forward pass and short kicks did much toward winning ground for us. Blois, Drawdy and West each played a fine game for Riverside.

Thursday after this victory we met Savannah in Savannah. And in this same game we, as a team, crowded ourselves with glory, and bruises. The story of the game is easily told. Savannah weighed a conservative 177 lbs against 147 for Florida, a slight advantage of 30 lbs to the man. Not a man on the Savannah team has played less than 4 years of football, and many of them have figured as stars in both college and athletic football for six or seven years. It is a fact that Savannah will cope with any team in the South, barring none. This is saying a great deal too. Then to the game was played in Savannah, with all of the officials selected from Savannah men. However they gave quite satisfactory decisions. Of course the F. team was entirely outclassed, and yet the team played an excellent game of football. They made first down at least ten or twelve times. Stetson did not make a single one. We took the ball away from them on downs once or twice. Stetson didn't do this. We played exactly the same number of minutes in each half that Stetson did. They beat us 27 to 2. Stetson was beaten 29 to 0. We scored on a safety, the F. team showed thorough knowledge of football, and played a better game than their worthy opponents. Too much credit cannot be given the back whose cool and steady nerve made Mercers kicks and passes work so well. And one more comment. Never again shall the coach of an opposing team act as Referee.

On the 11th we met Rollins in Winter Park. This game was our poorest. Several of our men did not come up to the standard and others forgot to play football. This game was a repetition of the first game, only we were the ones who received the drubbing. Some lay the blame on loss of nerve, others injuries received by several of the F. team, and nearly all agree that it was mostly Rollins football team. Their improvement was something wonderful fully 100 per cent. Our forward passes and

kicks would not work because our line would not hold. This was our main fault. Their splendid interference gained lots for them when otherwise they would have been thrown for a loss. Thompson did some excellent punting one going about 45 yards, some being kicked from right underneath the goal posts. Only once did our men rally and play good hard football. The ball was on our 3 yard line and first down. Rollins was able to advance the ball only one foot in three downs. Consequently the ball went to us. We punted out for 45 yards. The worst part of our luck was that Rollins scored within the last 40 seconds of time in the second half. Rollins clearly outplayed the F. team so we can but confess it.

This game ended our football season of 1906. We played six games, winning all of those played in Gainesville and losing the three played while on the road. We came out four points ahead on the season, and taking all things into due consideration we feel that our season was successful.

To Mr. Forsythe, or as we boys know him, "Pe We", too much praise cannot be given. It was only by his tireless efforts and personal help that we were able to have any team at all. Indeed the outlook for a team fit to represent the U. of F. was exceedingly dark at the beginning of the year. And even after Pe We had started things to moving. The loss of three good football men by their stopping school and by the utter absence of any spirit on the part of the undergraduates was enough to dishearten almost any one. But Coach stuck by us, and we stuck by him, and thus was our team molded together. With no support whatever and only a very few of the students anxious as to the outcome of our games, the majority of them doing nothing but knocking, is it not a wonder that Pe We could do so much with the dozen or more boys on the Varsity squad.

And as to the boys that made their F. might make a few comments as follows, Hancock, the Captain and full back had played two years of college ball and of course knew a good bit about the game. As a line backer, he probably has no equal in the state for his age. A bad tendency to fumble however, marred an otherwise very good record. He played an excellent game as diving extra.

Shands and Corbett were the two halves, left and right respectively. They played in every game and never let up in their hard work for the good of the team. Corbett did the forward passing and side kicks while Shands did the receiving of them. The way in which these plays gained ground speaks well for them. They took care of left end, and it was only in Savannah and the last Rollins game, that anyone ever cleared that end. Shands was very swift on his feet and his tackling behind the line was of a very high order. Corbett was unanimously elected Captain of the 1907 U. of F. team, with Shands as manager. Higher praise or thanks could not be given them.

Thompson, our quarter back, also played in every game. He was an aggressive fighter every minute of the game and played altogether for the good of the team, and not for personal glory. His passing was very accurate and it was my ran for him to cause any one to make a fumble. As a football general he was good. He ran the team excellently, and knew all the weak points of his opponents before the first half was over. He developed into a very fair punter, his work at Rollins being of the A. H. I. kind. He had innumerable hard chances to accept, and with the exception of two

rather bad errors in the Mercer game, hardly ever failed to make good.

Thompkins, Johnston and Earman played offensive end. Thompson was exceptionally fast and got down under punts very well. He was not used to carrying the ball much, as he was better at blocking on the line. Johnston although the game was new to him, proved to be an excellent player. Especially in the Savannah and last Rollins game did he distinguish himself, and he possessed a knack of falling on a fumbled ball that served us in good stead a number of times. Earman did not seem to entirely grasp the game and while he doubtless played the best he knew how, he did not show to as great an advantage as the other two ends. He played tackle in our Mercer game however and did some very clear line breaking and blocking. He was a pretty good line man but was too small for the place.

Rader and Neilson played tackle, Rader's quiet determination to do or die, his willingness to learn, the cracking good article of ball he played, and his gentlemanly behavior both on and off the field won him considerable favorable comment. He will make a very valuable man in '07.

Neilson was another comparatively new man, but he was willing to learn, and did. His work in the Mercer game was very well spoken of by the opponents. He graduates this year.

As interfern and defensive quarter back Gibbs played one of the best games of any one on the team. His place was a hard one to fill, and to say that he filled it to the entire satisfaction of Coach and the whole team is giving due praise to Gibbs. He worked hard all of the time and no one took defeat harder than he did. The school expects lots of Gibbs next year and no doubt but that he will come up to all expectations.

Whidden as guard could play good football if he only would. He knows how, but he did not exert himself enough at the right time. The team to a man must keep in training to play college football. Whidden did not do this and consequently did not play the game he should have. He did play a good game against Riverside however, which only showed that he really could play if he only would.

And last but not least, old Filly. Filly was all right. After the first game he played, his nerves never troubled him any more and his passing for the quarter and to the backs for kicks could hardly be improved upon. His work as defensive guard was first class and it was only in the Savannah and last Rollins game that men succeeded in coming over him. He resigns from school Christmas but we hope to have our old center back again to play the same old place next year.

So far as we can learn, the following men expect to return and play in '07: Corbett, Captain; Shands, Manager; Hancock, Thompson, Johnston, Earman, Gibbs and Rader. We also expect Roe, Coe, Bennett and Kirk to make and play with the Varsity next.

We had a good second team this year. Let all of them try to make the Varsity next year, and then see the improvement in football in the U. of F. A little encouragement from the undergraduates and a bit more from the faculty, and with Pe We with us again next year we ought to be able to turn out a winning team.

Let each and ever boy of us bring back another boy next year, get him interested in football, get him to try for the team. That's football and college spirit. We have the best Coach in this part of the South. Why shame him by

letting him have only thirteen men to pick a Varsity football team from. We can hardly expect him to return to us next year but we want him and want him bad. He can accept a very much better position than that he now holds, where he will have at least fifty men to pick a team from.

Can't Florida furnish that number? We know they can. Then let them do it, and we can promise Coach a bunch of men to pick from next year together with the support of the entire University as he should have, we believe and sincerely hope that Forsythe will come back with us next year.

Now undergraduates and alumni, it is simply up to you. Don't knock, again don't knock. That is the trouble now. The Society of Knockers appears to have a membership of nearly half of the University now. Drop out of the society. Boost the college.

We have a most excellent faculty, Commandant who is a Commandant and a gentleman for a football Coach. Now boys do the right thing. We must have your help or next year we can have no team. Talk football when you go home next summer. Get others interested in the University and boost it all the time. We can either make the college or else we can kill it. Now, lets make it a "University." You owe something to your State. Pay it back by saying good thing about our University.

Before you go home go to Coach and promise him your help. Tell him that you will persuade at least one boy to return with you next year, and see the effect that it will have.

To our old dirty football "togs" we have bid goodbye for the time being. Her's hoping that a better man will at least have a show at filling each one of them next year.

Her's hoping that twenty-five men fit and anxious to be on the Varsity team will be here to meet Pe We next year. Boy's it's up to you.

ROY W. CORBETT.

A LAND OF WONDERS.

Some of the queer things that are to be found in Korea.

Three scientists, two from America and the other from Britain, are reported to have spent several months in Korea trying to elucidate the wonders of that strange land.

The wonders in question consist of a hot mineral spring which is supposed to heal anything from a cut to a cancer; two springs so arranged that when one is full the other is empty; a cavern in the mountains in which a cold, piercing wind rages perpetually; a grove of pine trees which will sprout again directly they are cut down; a stone which floats in space, and, last, but not least, a rock which gives forth great heat however cold the weather might be.

The scientists studied the springs first of all, failing to understand them, turned their attention to the wonderful cavern. The moment they entered the interior they were almost blown off their feet, and although they adopted all manner of dodges to find the origin of the wind, they had to return to the open saddle but not wiser men.

They next walked into the grove of pine trees, known as the "Inevitable forest," and here again they were stumped. They destroyed several of the trees by fire during the night, and next morning they were regrowing strongly out of the very ashes!

The fifth wonder of Korea, the floating stone, in honor of which a temple has been built, tried the scientists' patience to a maddening degree.

This stone, to all appearance, rests on the ground, yet when two of the men stood upon it, one on each side, the third was able to draw a thick string underneath without encountering any obstacle. Why, they were never able to discover.

The warm rock, the last wonder, also puzzled their brains. This rock is really an immense stone, on the top of which a small inn has been erected. The building requires no fires for heating purposes either in winter or summer, for the rock always keeps it warm.

The scientists jumped to the conclusion that the stone was situated over an underground volcano which still had life in it, but on taking soundings they found that they were mistaken. There was no natural furnace below; indeed, the ground was colder and so

A WOMAN'S WIT.

It Served Her Well When the Stage-coach Holdup Came.

A good illustration of the quick wit of a woman appears in the following incident of the old coaching days of the far west. The man of the tale does not show off in the best of lights and did not deserve his reward. The coach was on its way over a lonely road and carried among its passengers a lady going to join her husband and a man traveling by himself.

"I have \$1,000 in my pocketbook," confided the lone traveler to the lady, "and I feel very uneasy. Would you mind concealing it in your dress? If we are held up they are less likely to search you."

The lady consented and hid the roll of bills. Toward evening the shout of "Throw up your hands!" brought the coach to a standstill, and four men, masked and on horseback, demanded at the point of the pistol that all money should be immediately given up. The lone traveler passed over all his remaining cash, consisting of a few dollars, and was congratulating himself on his escape when, to his horror, he heard the lady say:

"I have a thousand dollars here, but I suppose I must give it up." And without further hesitation she handed over the precious pile of greenbacks.

The robbers rode off in high good humor, but as soon as they were gone the traveler let loose his wrath. He abused the lady in no measured terms and hardly stopped short of calling her a coward. The accused said little, but when the end of the journey was reached she invited the angry man to her house.

"I shall have to accept," he said sulkily. "I haven't a cent in the world through your stupidity."

As he was dressing for dinner that night his host came to his room.

"Here is the thousand dollars," he said, "which my wife ventured to borrow. You see, she had \$20,000 hid in her gown, and she thought if she gave up your thousand it would save further search. Thank you for the loan, which saved me a heavy loss."

BITS FROM THE WRITERS.

A great love is the next best thing to a great faith.—Ellen Glasgow.

The centenarian is a man who has mistaken quantity for quality.—Barry Pain.

Probably woman expects less of life and in that sense may be said to be more fortunate.—Lady Violet Greville.

It is a defect of our educational system that we are not started in life with the habit of happiness.—Sarah Grand.

Life is very scrappy. Look how our meals break up the day. Why can we not eat for three hours and be done with it for a week?—Mrs. Humphry.

Numbers of people smile without being amused. . . . To smile broadly is their notion of gentlemanly behavior and good breeding.—Robert Hichens.

Poets naturally sing, like birds, in the springtime of their lives; the cares of this world silence them or make us rather anxious that they should be silent.—Andrew Lang.

Hot Cross Bun Memorial.

At Bromley-by-Bow is a public house with the sign of "The Widow's Son," and there a curious old custom is maintained. Once the tavern was kept by a widow with an only son. He started on a sea voyage on a Good Friday and promised that he would be back by that day in the following year. He did not come, but for years the mother kept her promise to prepare a hot cross bun for his return. Each year she lived the anxious mother observed the custom, which has been maintained by successive hosts and hostesses of the inn ever since. Now, as for long time past, "within its guest chamber may be seen old rusted rafters with buns hung up between."—London Standard.

Nobody Was Offended.

A Michigan congressman tells this story:

"A certain citizen of my district was called upon to defend a man who had soundly whipped a worthless individual. He had been indicted for assault and battery, 'contrary to the peace and dignity of the people of Michigan.' The lawyer contended that the prosecution could not hope to convict unless the entire allegation was proved. 'We admit the assault and battery,' he said, 'but we deny that it was contrary to the peace and dignity of the people of Michigan.'"

"The jury so held, and the fellow was acquitted."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Feast of Anan.

The festum ananorum, or feast of anases, was formerly held Jan. 14 to commemorate the flight into Egypt. There are still extant several rituals of this festival. One, of Beauvais, in France, orders the priest to pray three times in a similar manner. An ass, decorated with costly coverings, was led to the altar in a procession and with hymns of rejoicing.

Figuring It Out.

Miss Stockenbome—I thought I saw the baron come in. Where is he? Mr. Stockenbome—He has just had an interview with me, and at present he is in the library to figure out whether he loves you or not.—Life.